PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56893

Kazuomi KOBAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/443,460

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 7280

Examiner: Justin R. FISCHER

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Filed: November 19, 1999

For:

PNEUMATIC TIRES

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

All Claims	After Amendment 25 -	Highest No. Previously Paid For 20 =	5 X\$18	.00 = \$90.00
Independent	4 -	3 =	1 X\$84	.00 = \$84.00
			TOTAL	=_\$174.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$174.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) A run-flat pneumatic tire comprising:

a radial carcass extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in the respective bead portions to reinforce a pair of sidewall portions,

a tread portion comprised of one or more rubberized cord plies,

a belt arranged on an outer peripheral surface of the carcass to reinforce the tread portion,

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